

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The following persons were in attendance: Council members Shelia Baker, Mike Barth, Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Ron Jones and Mike Headley; Solicitor Troy Essex; outgoing Administrator Kent Miller, incoming Administrator Jim Brown and Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith.

Eric Bassett made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Resolution 2017-24, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Minutes from the October 2nd Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Headley.

A bills list was presented to council. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Beverly, Headley, Bassett and Jones voted yes, Barth abstained.

A Notice of a Public Hearing was announced. to be held November 2, 2017 at 5 pm in the Zoning Office at 108 N. Main St. to discuss a lot split on West High Street.

Boards & Commissions:

- The **HIX TV Board** met September 9th, and minutes were included in the packets.
- Baker reported the **Cemetery Board** met but she did not have any minutes to present. Board Clerk Cheryl Miller takes minutes at the meetings.
- The mayor requests that the **Nuisance Board** meet soon to discuss a property that may need to be torn down.

Council Committees:

- The **Police and Fire** Committee met October 5th. Minutes were included in the packets. They discussed raising rates for the EMS. Troy Essex reminded them they had to keep the rates the same for the village and the townships. New legislation would need to be introduced to raise rates.
- The **Finance** Committee will meet Monday, October 22nd to begin the 2018 budget. All department heads are invited to attend.
- **Administrator's Report:**
Miller reported Werlor will begin trash service December 6th. Resident will receive information from Werlor beforehand as well as notes in their utility bills. Bins will be distributed October 28th and 29th. Resident have the option to receive a recycling bin as well. Pick up will be on Wednesdays. Recycling will be every other week for each route.
- Austin Zeedyk passed his Class I exam and should receive his license from OEPA shortly.
- Miller also included notes he wrote for council about the upcoming 2018 budget.

Solicitor's Report:

- Second reading of **Ordinance 2017-17** by caption only adopting Chapter 923 of the Codified Ordinances regarding maintaining drainage swales, and describing a penalty for any violations.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2017-18** by caption only authorizing the mayor to join coalition to protest state collection of income tax and declaring an emergency. Ron Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric Bassett. Baker, Bassett, Barth and Jones voted yes. Beverly and Headley voted no. No quorum for an emergency, so the Ordinance will be left on the table.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2017-19** by caption only to amend the 2017 appropriations and declaring an emergency. It was decided not to approve as an emergency, but to bring it to the next meeting.
- First reading of **Resolution 2017-24** by caption only to authorize the mayor to enter contract with ODNR for a grant for the Park restroom construction and declaring an emergency. Eric Bassett made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Mike Barth made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.
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Department Heads:

Police Chief Kirk Stickney reported his officers worked with the MAN Unit busting a drug house containing 30 marijuana plants and drug making materials. They also assisted Federal Marshalls in apprehending a fugitive hiding in Hicksville.

He asked the mayor to recommend hiring Steve Stose as a full-time officer to replace Nathan Allen. He is a part-time officer now with a degree in criminal justice and 5 years' experience. The Mayor accepted Stose, pending a physical, drug screen and background check. Mike Headley made a motion to approve hiring Steve Stose, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. He then asked the mayor to hire 1 part-time officers, Damien Esparza and Mike Cropcho. Mayor Collins accepted pending good physicals, drug screens and background checks. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer was absent, but Assistant Chief Bruce Hart was present and thanked everyone who made the Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast a success during Hixtoberfest. He also thanked the Police & Fire Committee for their understanding the need for the ladder truck. The firemen will attend 4 months of intensive training. He reminded everyone of the Halloween Carnival coming up October 28th.

EMS Chief Cody Royer was absent, but Bob Meyer has present to report on Christmas For Kids. The applications will be around town and at the school by November 1st. The deadline to apply is December 2nd. Distribution of the toys will be December 18th. Barrels will be set out for donations. If anyone wants to make a monetary donation, contact the Village Offices.

Park Director Val Shull reported she heard from Tim Robinson who told her Hicksville has been awarded an \$8,000.00 Nature Works grant for construction of the new restroom at the park.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- MTD/YTD Cash Report
- September Police Dept. Collections Report
- September Mayor's Court Collections Report
- Reminder that open enrollment for insurance will be Nov. 2nd at 9 am in council chambers

Mayor's Report:

- The Trinity United Methodist Church is having a soup sale. Order forms will be available at the village offices.
- Collins congratulated Austin Zeedyk on his success in passing the wastewater exam.
- She also thanked Broc Evans for his service on the Fire Department following his resignation.
- Gordon Creek Granite is having a Grand Opening October 28th from 9 am to 2 pm.
- The Mayor received a letter from the Campbell Soup Company inviting all veterans to shop in the company store during the month of November. She has information if anyone is interested.
- Finally, she thanked Kent Miller for his years as Administrator. He will be missed by everyone. She thanked him for all he has done for the community.

Shelia Baker asked about putting load limits on some streets due to the new paving. She is afraid trucks driving on them will cause them to deteriorate too quickly. Troy Essex said the village could place load limits as long as it is not part of a state highway. Beverly said he feels the streets will stand up alright and he doesn't want to restrict any commerce in the village.

Miller was asked to update council on the ongoing projects around town.

- Haver Drive has been too wet to do any work.
- N. Main had a problem at the CSX end, so work started near the cemetery.
- Paving is nearly done with only some berm and manhole work to finish.
- E. Cornelia is ready for testing. Catch basins are being installed.
- Loop will begin spot paving soon.
- Beverly asked about the end of S. Main near the fairgrounds. Miller said he is doing a walk-through with Nagel on Friday.
- Finally, bid opening for the Park restroom construction is Thursday, October 19th.

With no other business to discuss Eric Bassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer